safety. Measures to enhance the quality of training to improve the skill levels, ability to exercise sound judgment and situational awareness of pilots are being pursued. Constant interaction with Original Equipment Manufactures (OMEs), both indigenous and foreign, is also maintained to overcome the technical defects of aircraft. In addition, anti-bird measures are also undertaken.

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Limiting concessions to the developing countries in WTO draft

†1705. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that developed countries have proposed in the WTO draft to limit the concessions of the developing countries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that if proposal is implemented, the protection to special product sectors would be in danger;

(c) if so, the details of the draft; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INUDSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) In the negotiations at the World Trade Organisation (WTO), the developed countries have been demanding market access into developing countries by seeking to limit the special and differential treatment being granted to the latter. On the other hand, the developing countries have been resisting any attempts to limit the concessions available to them so as to preserve the development dimension of the Doha Round. Based on these negotiations, the Chairman of the Agriculture negotiating group in the revised draft modalities of 6 December, 2008 has proposed that 12% of total agriculture tariff lines could be designated as Special Products (SPs) taking an average tariff cut of 11%. Out of these 12% lines designated as SPs; 5% of total tariff lines, will not take any cuts.

(d) The government has been negotiating for self-designation of an appropriate number of Special Products (SPs) to take care of India's food security, livelihood security, and rural development needs. The government has also been working closely with the G-33 coalition of developing countries in order to achieve the most favourable outcome possible.

FDI by PIOs in aviation and print media

1706. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to integrate foreign direct investment (FDI) regulations to bring them at par with those of mature economies;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.